

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the paper filed on 8/23/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

Status

Claims 1-14 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gaetano D. Maccarone on October 31, 2005.
The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1.

A system generating and ordering an identification document over network, the system comprising: user interface connected network communication with a server also coupled the network; data gathering module coupled to said server, said data gathering module ~~capable of~~ for prompting a user to provide at least one demographic data and corresponding graphical representation and receiving and securely storing said at least one demographic data and said corresponding graphical representation in a user demographic and picture data database coupled to said server; an identification document design module coupled to said server, said design module ~~capable of~~ for providing identification document design guidance data to said user 'and thereby prompting said user provide identification document design data, the design module capable of receiving and securely storing identification document design data a document design data base coupled to said server; a payment module coupled to said server, said payment module ~~capable of~~ for prompting the user to provide payment data and receiving and securely storing said payment data said user database, said payment data including user location data and user payment data, said payment data being utilized to verify that payment f or said identification document has been made and to provide a paid-in-full signal upon said verification; user verification module coupled said server, said user verification module ~~capable of~~ for retrieving said user location data, authenticating identity said user, and providing user verification signal upon successful user authentication; service bureau coupled to said server and responsive to said paid-in-full signal, whereby response to said paid-in-full signal and said user verification signal, said service bureau retrieves from said user data base said at least one demographic data and said corresponding graphical representation and retrieves from said document design data base said identification document design data, and produces a draft identification document incorporating said at least one demographic data and said corresponding graphical representation and said identification document design data; user approval module coupled said server, said user approval module ~~capable of~~ for providing a facsimile of said draft identification document to the user over said server through said network, and prompting the user to provide a job-acceptance signal; said service bureau providing a final identification

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document to said user in response to said job-acceptance signal, said final identification document being the equivalent of an approved said draft identification document.

Claim 2

The system as claim wherein said data gathering module, said identification document design module, said payment module, said service bureau, said user approval module and said user verification module, ~~can be~~ are coupled said server by one of the following group consisting of an Internet network connection, an intranet network connection, a dial-up modem connection, and further wherein each module includes plurality of computer processor instructions that can be executed by computer processor located within said server and at least one processor remote from said server, wherein said computer processor instructions ~~can be~~ are compiled instructions written one the group computer languages consisting of C, and Java and ~~can be~~ are interpreted instructions written one the following group of computer languages consisting of visual basic, Java script, CGI script.

7. The system as in claim 1, wherein said payment data includes: a shipping address; credit card information necessary ~~effectuate~~ authorize a credit purchase; debit card information necessary to ~~effectuate~~ authorize a debit purchase; electronic transfer authorization information necessary to ~~effectuate~~ authorize a credit purchase; and a purchase order number.

Claim 11.

A method user to order customized identification documents over a network connected to a user interface in communication with a server coupled to the network, the method comprising the steps of: providing the user with a plurality of badge design guidance data; receiving a plurality of design badge data from the user; storing said plurality of design badge data; prompting the user provide least one demographic data ~~to be incorporated~~ for incorporation into said identification document; receiving said at least one demographic data ~~to be incorporated~~ for incorporation into said identification document prompting the user to provide at least one graphical representation corresponding said at least one demographic data ~~to be incorporated~~ for incorporation into said identification document; receiving least one graphical representation corresponding to said at least one demographic data ~~to be incorporated~~ for incorporation into said identification document; securely storing said at least one demographic data and corresponding at least one graphical representation; creating at least one facsimile of an identification document incorporating said plurality of design badge data and including said at least one demographic data and corresponding least one graphical representation; providing said at least one facsimile to the user; prompting the user to approve or not approve the facsimile; receiving the approval or not approval from the user; if approval is received and then no payment data stored then ~~prompt~~ prompting the user for payment and location information, otherwise ~~retrieve~~ retrieving stored payment data including said location information; if approval is received and no payment data is stored then receive said payment and location information; approval is received then ~~verify~~ verifying that said location information is legitimate organization; if approval is received then verify using said payment information that a payment has been received; approval received and the location information is verified, and a verified payment has been received then ~~manufacture~~

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manufacturing said least one identification document corresponding to the approved at least one facsimile; ~~deliver~~ delivering said location said least one identification document to the user.

Claim 13.

The method claim wherein the step of verifying that said location is a legitimate pre-approved organization includes: retrieving said location information; cross checking said location information with database of known legitimate pre-approved organizations.

Response to Amendment

The Applicants amendment filed on August 23, 2005 had been fully considered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are allowed over the prior art record.

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The closest prior art of record Khaishgi et al. (US Patent 6,658,394) teaches a method for issuing electronic seals of certificate. Nakane (JP 2005141565) teaches an electronic seal system. Electronic commerce teaches a web invoicing system.

What they fail to teach or suggest:

A. A system generating and ordering an identification document over network, the system comprising: user interface connected network communication with a server also coupled the network; data gathering module coupled to said server, said data gathering module ~~capable of~~ for prompting a user to provide at least one demographic data and corresponding graphical representation and receiving and securely storing said at least one demographic data and said corresponding graphical representation in a user demographic and picture data database coupled to said server; an identification document design module coupled to said server, said design module ~~capable of~~ for providing identification document design guidance data to said user and thereby prompting said user provide identification document design data, the design module capable of receiving and securely storing identification document design data a document design data base coupled to said server; a payment module coupled to said server, said payment module ~~capable of~~ for prompting the user to provide payment data and receiving and securely storing said payment data said user database, said payment data including user location data and user payment data, said payment data being utilized to verify that payment for said identification document has been made and to provide a paid-in-full signal upon said verification; user verification module coupled said server, said user verification module ~~capable of~~ for retrieving said user location data, authenticating identity said user, and providing user verification signal upon successful user authentication; service bureau coupled to said server and

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responsive to said paid-in-full signal, whereby response to said paid-in-full signal and said user verification signal, said service bureau retrieves from said user data base said at least one demographic data and said corresponding graphical representation and retrieves from said document design data base said identification document design data, and produces a draft identification document incorporating said at least one demographic data and said corresponding graphical representation and said identification document design data; user approval module coupled said server, said user approval module ~~capable of~~ for providing a facsimile of said draft identification document to the user over said server through said network, and prompting the user to provide a job-acceptance signal; said service bureau providing a final identification document to said user in response to said job-acceptance signal, said final identification document being the equivalent of an approved said draft identification document.

These distinct features renders claim 1 allowable.

Claims 2-10 are dependant upon claim 1 and have all of the limitations of claim 1, and are allowable for the same reasons

B. A method user to order customized identification documents over a network connected to a user interface in communication with a server coupled to the network, the method comprising the steps of: providing the user with a plurality of badge design guidance data; receiving a plurality of design badge data from the user; storing said plurality of design badge data; prompting the user provide least one demographic data for incorporation into said identification document; receiving said at least one demographic data for incorporation into said identification document prompting the user to provide at least one graphical representation corresponding said at least one demographic data for incorporation into said identification document; if approval is received and then no payment data stored then prompting the user for payment and location information, otherwise retrieving stored payment data including said location information; if approval is received and no payment data is stored then receive said payment and location information; approval is received then verifying that said location information is legitimate organization; if approval is received then verify using said payment information that a payment has been received; approval received and the location information is verified, and a verified payment has been received then manufacturing said least one identification document corresponding to the approved at least one facsimile; delivering said location said least one identification document to the user.

These distinct features renders claim 11 allowable.

Claims 12-14 are dependant upon claim 11 and have all of the limitations of claim 11, and are allowable for the same reasons

Conclusion

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John

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Winter whose telephone number is (571) 272-6713. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at (571) 272-6712. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Hand delivered responses should be brought to the Examiner in the Knox Building, 50 Dulany St. Alexandria, VA.

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October 31, 2005

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